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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 9 November 1953

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Colonel
White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick [redacted] Sheldon, [redacted]
and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a memorandum prepared by [redacted] concerning an activity
of the [redacted] and asked [redacted] to handle this.

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c. Briefly reported on his conversation [redacted] regarding
[redacted] request for assistance in organizing their intelligence
setup, and noted that [redacted] did not speak Spanish. The
Director said [redacted] had undertaken to provide recommendations for
other candidates who might be suitable to accomplish this mission. Mr.
Dulles reiterated his wish that whoever is selected not be presently
connected with the Government.

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d. Noted a memorandum from Mr. Houston, a copy of which was
furnished [redacted] which indicated that [redacted] was scheduled
to go to [redacted] about the first of the year as [redacted]
and stated he had discussed this matter with [redacted] who reported
that [redacted] only planned to stay in [redacted] about two weeks. Mr.
[redacted] undertook to pass this information to Mr. Houston.

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e. Noted a cable [redacted]
and stated "we might keep in mind" the information contained therein for
a psychological operation if necessary.

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f. Noted a cable [redacted]
respecting [redacted] and stated we
should keep this matter alive until such time as a final decision is
reached.

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g. Noted a cable [redacted]
respecting funds for [redacted] and stated we should "go slow" on
furnishing money to [redacted] for this purpose.

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Mr. Dulles (Continued):

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i. Referred to the situation [redacted] and asked DD/P to furnish him an analysis [redacted] as a matter of priority. In this connection, Mr. Wisner noted that the Director had requested a study on the political picture and Mr. Amory said that ONE was now in process of preparing/an Estimate on a crash basis. After some discussion it was agreed that ONE would proceed, taking advantage of the information on hand in WE, and [redacted] was designated as the point of contact. It was also agreed that the above-mentioned analysis [redacted] would not be included in this Estimate. The Director pointed out that he required this information as a matter of urgency since he might be called on for an estimate of the situation [redacted] at any time. [redacted]

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j. Asked [redacted] to dispatch a cable to [redacted] requesting a priority report of his views on the results of the Philippine Elections. The Director said this report should be available in time for the NSC Meeting scheduled for 12 November.

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k. Asked Mr. Amory to arrange for his NSC briefing at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November.

l. Stated he wished to review the proposed revisions of 10/2 and 10/5 and asked that the following officers be present in his office at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 November: General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, [redacted] Houston, [redacted] Amory and [redacted]

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m. Stated that hereafter the Deputies' Meetings would be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week.

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n. Asked [redacted] to: (1) determine if any of our officers planned to go [redacted] in the near future; (2) furnish recommendations as to whether or not the Vice President should visit Iran during his present trip.

Colonel White:

Reported that in order to conserve funds the NSC Staff had not budgeted for a full-time Guard for the weekends and as a result of the recommendations of Colonel Edwards [redacted] we had agreed to provide such service at an estimated cost of [redacted] the remainder of the present fiscal year. Colonel White explained that this was necessary since the NSC Staff felt it had a requirement to maintain rather voluminous files which contain a good deal of special intelligence information. After some discussion the Director agreed to make these funds available but stated this matter should be further discussed with either Mr. [redacted] in order that the NSC might budget for such guard service in the future. Colonel White undertook to do this.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

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Mr. Kirkpatrick (Continued):

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b. Stated that Congressman Thomas of Texas was reported to be planning to air his views on CIA as a result of his recent trip to Europe and suggested that the Director talk to the Congressman at an early opportunity. The Director approved.

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Stated that Scotty Reston, in a letter to General Cabell, had requested CIA comment on a speech recently made by Alfred Kohlberg in Ohio and suggested that someone in the Agency discuss this with [Redacted] The Director approved and designated Mr. Wisner.

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